

HOUSE No. 1317

By Ms. Balser of Newton, petition of Ruth B. Balser and others relative to distribution and use of criminal offender record information. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Ruth B. Balser	Gloria L. Fox
Byron Rushing	Michael E. Festa
Patricia D. Jehlen	Kay Khan
Ellen Story	

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 172 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first
3 paragraph the following paragraph:—
4 Agencies, other entities or persons granted access under clause (c)
5 of the first sentence of the first paragraph of this section and housing
6 authorities, as provided in the third sentence of the third paragraph
7 of section 168, shall receive criminal offender record information
8 limited to conviction and case pending information. Any such
9 agency, housing authority, entity or person receiving a criminal
10 offender record information report and, as a result, is inclined to
11 make an adverse decision as to the individual who is the subject of
12 the report, shall, before making the decision, give the individual a
13 photocopy of the report and afford him an opportunity, in a private
14 discussion, to dispute the accuracy or relevance of the report, after
15 which the agency, housing authority, entity or person shall consider
16 all the information before making a final decision.